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Prior Application Art Unit: 2851 Prior Application Examiner: Hung Nguyen

SIR: This is a request for filing a

☒ Continuation ☐ Continuation-in-Part ☐ Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/865,734 filed May 29, 2001 of Yasuhiro OMURA for PROJECTION OPTICAL SYSTEM, EXPOSURE APPARATUS INCORPORATING THIS PROJECTION OPTICAL SYSTEM, AND MANUFACTURING METHOD FOR MICRO DEVICES USING THE EXPOSURE APPARATUS.

1. ☒ Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application including the oath or Declaration and drawings, if any, as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior Application No. 09/865,734 as originally filed on May 20, 2001, which is incorporated herein by reference.
2. ☐ Enclosed is a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125. The undersigned hereby verifies that no new matter is added in this substitute specification.
3. ☐ Enclosed is a Request for Non-Publication of Application and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
4. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
5. ☒ The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended in the Preliminary Amendment filed herewith.

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| Basic Application Filing Fee | | | | | \$770 | \$ \$770.00 |
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| Independent Claims | 5 | - | 3 | 2 | x \$86 | 172.00 |
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6. ☒ A check in the amount of \$1104.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
7. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.
8. ☐ New acceptable drawings are enclosed.
9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to: Nikon Corporation at Reel 011834, Frame 0342 recorded on May 29, 2001.
10. ☒ Priority of Application No. 2000-160897, filed on May 30, 2000 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A certified copy
☐ is enclosed or ☒ is on file in the prior application.
11. ☐ Small entity status is appropriate and applies to this application.
12. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to at least one of the following: FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P., Douglas B. Henderson, Reg. No. 20,291; Ford F. Farabow, Jr., Reg. No. 20,630; Arthur S. Garrett, Reg. No. 20,338; Donald R. Dunner, Reg. No. 19,073; Brian G. Brunsvold, Reg. No. 22,593; Tipton D. Jennings, IV, Reg. No. 20,645; Jerry D. Voight, Reg. No. 23,020; Laurence R. Hefter, Reg. No. 20,827; Kenneth E. Payne, Reg. No. 23,098; Herbert H. Mintz, Reg. No. 26,691; C. Larry O'Rourke, Reg. No. 26,014; Albert J. Santorelli, Reg. No. 22,610; Michael C. Elmer, Reg. No. 25,857; Richard H. Smith, Reg. No. 20,609; Stephen L. Peterson,

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13. ☒ The power appears in the original declaration of the prior application.
14. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original declaration, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

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16. ☐ Recognize as associate attorney _____
17. ☒ Also enclosed is Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO 1449.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION. If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in parent Application No. 09/865,734, filed May 29, 2001, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for use in charging the deposit account.

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